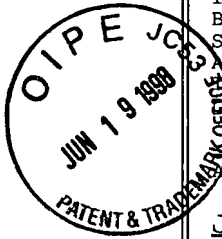


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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references set forth below and listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Each of the cited references is of record in parent application serial no. 08/370,023, and therefore pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the cited references are not enclosed.

If the Examiner requires copies of any cited references, however, the undersigned will provide such copies at the Examiner's request.

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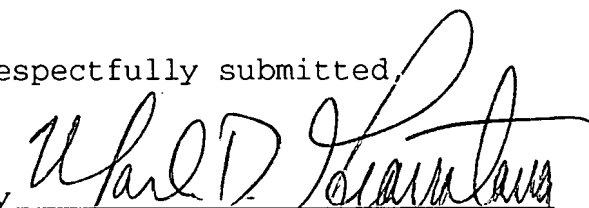
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Each reference dated less than one year prior to the effective filing date of this application is expressly not admitted to be prior art with respect to this application, but rather is being brought to the attention of the Examiner as indicative of the state of the art.

It is respectfully requested the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

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